Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Sunday 21 Feb 2021 until 23:59 on Monday 22 Feb 2021

Forecast Issued on Saturday 20 Feb 2021 at 13:44 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for mainly dry days on Sunday and Monday and another wet and very windy day on Tuesday, lower confidence on timings and details on Tuesday.

Headline for Sunday 21 Feb 2021: A few wintry showers and southwesterly gales continuing.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 21 Feb 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Low Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sleet showers (night)	Dull	Dull	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)	Light snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
30%	30%	30%	30%	10%	10%	10%	30%

Forecast for Sunday 21 Feb 2021

Weather: Some wintry showers in the early hours and staying cloudy overnight. By morning a few wintery showers will linger particularly for western ranges like Creag Meagaidh and west of the A9 but cloud beginning to thin and lift with some breaks and sunny intervals expected in the afternoon. Eastern ranges around the Lecht, Speyside and the Moray hills will see the best of the sunshine and cloud breaks. Clear spells during the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60% in the morning with some cloud lingering especially in the west and around showers. Improving to 90% in the afternoon with most cloud well above the summits.

Visibility: The best visibility will be in the east and north of the area where very few showers will reach. Cloud will generally be above the summits with just a few patches falling below 800m. In the west cloud bases will become broken at 600m around wintery showers in the morning. During showers visibility may fall very poor for a time in snow or sleet. Cloud will become more scattered here by late morning at around 700m.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	45/58 S	52/67 S	40/52 SW	34/45 S	38/50 S	35/47 S	34/45 S	31/42 S	29/39 S
900	43/54 SW	49/63 S	43/55 S	36/47 S	36/47 S	34/44 S	33/43 S	30/40 S	29/39 S
600	25/35 SW	31/43 S	30/42 S	25/36 S	23/34 S	21/31 SW	21/33 S	20/31 S	19/30 S
300	15/33 SW	19/41 S	19/41 S	17/36 S	17/35 S	15/32 S	13/29 S	13/29 S	13/30 S
Glen	7/30 SW	8/35 S	8/32 SW	8/29 S	9/30 S	8/27 S	7/26 S	7/25 S	7/25 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-3/-13	-3/-14	-3/-13	-3/-12	-3/-12	-2/-11	-2/-11	-2/-11	-3/-11
900	1/-8	0/-9	0/-8	0/-8	1/-7	2/-6	1/-6	1/-6	1/-6
600	3/-3	3/-4	3/-4	3/-4	4/-2	4/-2	4/-2	3/-2	3/-2
300	5/1	4/-1	5/-0	5/0	7/2	7/3	5/1	4/0	4/0
Glen	5/2	5/1	6/2	6/2	8/4	9/5	6/2	4/1	4/1
Freezing Level*	900m	800m	1000m	1000m	1000m	900m	1000m	1000m	900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

A very windy day with a few storm force gusts early in the day, southerly gales will ease gradually during the day. Feeling very cold with a significant wind chill and freezing level falling just below 1000m. Rain and snow melt from previous days will make streams and rivers very full and fast flowing and some may be impassible, the ground will be very soggy in places.

Forecast for Monday 22 Feb 2021

Weather: Cloudy overnight but then generally a dry and bright day across all ranges with long sunny intervals.

Maximum wind: Southerly or southwesterly 20-25mph with gust 30-35mph

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 95% generally all the summits will be clear with some good views available.

Visibility: Very good or excellent throughout.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 rising to plus 8 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 1 Celsius.
Freezing level: 600-800m.

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